

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 5, 2014

If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call the Utilities office at 983-1454.

Dates to Remember:

December 11, 2014	City Commission Workshop
December 15, 2014	City Commission Meeting
December 18, 2014	Santa at the Library – 6:30 p.m.
December 25 & 26, 2014	City Christmas Holidays

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have issued sign permits to Hess Retail Stores LLC to change out their signage to read “Speedway”.
- We also have issued the permits for the temporary construction site for Harry Pepper & Associates, Inc. to be located at 547 & 549 Hoover Dike Road. They will be placing three (3) construction trailers along with construction entrances for a 3 – 5 year project on the dike.
- Two (2) Local Business Tax Receipts were issued in November – Ashton Vein Clinic at 905 West Ventura Avenue and Glades Dry Cleaning & Laundry in the space previously occupied by Davidson’s Dry Cleaning at 514 East Sugarland Hwy.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Microsoft Academy is coming to an end in Clewiston and Harlem, but will continue for another 3 weeks in LaBelle. The next open session will be in January when Excel will be offered.
- Although the ESL class is packed, we do have the opportunity for others outside the class to practice speaking English using software we have loaded on our computers.
- The children in our tutoring programs are enjoying the use of Leap Pad3 for Leapfrog in the libraries. Other users are encouraged to try this highly recommended tool for enhancing the reading skills of children. They are for loan at your Library.
- Fifteen (15) of our students from the tutoring program were on their school honor roll. Most of these students came to us with grades of “D” or lower, and now they are on their school honor roll. Congratulations!

- Santa Clause will be distributing gifts in the Library on December 18, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m. Encourage children 2-10 years old to attend.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Harvest season has begun, and our season of arrests for retail theft, domestic disturbance, and traffic violations has begun right with it.
- With shopping and traffic increasing at retail outlets, we have seen an unusual number of hit and runs in the parking lots.
- Patrol officers again had to respond to “Club Gossip” in Harlem to assist Sheriff’s Officers trying to restore order overnight this week.
- Patrol Officers investigated a traffic crash involving a vehicle and bicycle on West Sugarland Tuesday evening. The bicyclist was transported by ambulance and treated for minor injuries.
- Code enforcement has been extremely active this week. Since the weather has given us a break from overgrowth and unkempt yards, we have begun taking on tents, tarps and non-conforming canopies and carports. A Public Service notification is also running in the local newspaper.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:

1228	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
580	Complaints Investigated
33	Arrests Made
65	Traffic Citations Issued
14	Written Traffic Warnings
19	Code / Ordinance Violations
72	Merchant Escorts
11	Alarms Responded To
9	Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff has been installing guard rail along the C-21 canal on the north side of the boat basin parking lot. We will add two poles that will be set up to display banners at fishing events. Plans are to replace all of the “cable fence” with guard rail.
- Public Works Director Scheffler and City Manager Perry attended an FDOT coordination meeting in LaBelle on Wednesday to get updates on current and projected projects.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- AYSO Soccer regular season ended last week and the season-ending Jamboree will take place at Sugarland Sports Complex on Saturday December 6th all day. Come out and watch some of Clewiston’s finest wrap up another successful regular season.
- CHS Boy’s Soccer team takes on Palmetto Ridge on Saturday December 6th at Sugarland Sports Complex at 2:00 p.m. Come out and support the Tigers. Visit our FB page and our website at www.clewistonrecreation.com for game schedules.
- Sikes Park building was pressure washed a couple of weeks ago and we took the opportunity to paint it before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- All the permanent soccer fields at Sugarland Sports Complex were treated with a liquid fertilizer, emergent weed control, and ant killer last week.
- Thanks to the Public Works and the Utilities Departments who removed the old stub rights and cable barriers from the north side of the parking lot by the launch ramps at the City boat basin and installed a safer, more appropriate, and aesthetically pleasing guard rail.
- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are also available to try on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- The John Boy Auditorium is available for new rentals. Please contact the Youth Center at 983-1492 to reserve your next event at the John Boy Auditorium.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492.
- Active Citizens For Children will be hosting their annual “Winter Wonderland” at the Sugar Festival Field in the City Commons on Saturday, December 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric Crew is setting poles at the boat basin this week and trimming trees.
- The Water/Sewer Crew replaced the hydrant on the corner of Ponce de Leon and Via Del Aqua and repaired two pumps at the 1st Bank lift station. They also repaired a water valve on Georgia Avenue.
- The outage Monday was caused by an Osprey nest that caught a feeder pole on fire.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City’s website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at anytime through the same link.